Closures of Centre Aided Textile Mills in Orissa

†2566. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government have closed the Orissa Textile Mill which gets aid from the Central Government;

(b) whether the said mill owes crores of rupees to Central Power Supply Corporation; if so, how much;

(c) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to Government of Orissa in order to revive the said mill on its own for the welfare of 4000 workers and for the payment of outstanding amount of the corporation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) recommended winding up of the Orissa Textile Mills, a State PSU mill under the administrative control of the State Government. Government of Orissa has agreed to the directions of BIFR. Presently, the matter is pending with the Hon'ble High Court for appointment of Official liquidator for disposal of the assets of the mill. As per the State Government, this Mill has not received any financial aid from Government of India, for revival.

According to the information received from the State Government of Orissa the dues of Grid Corporation of India upto August, 1999 and Central Electricity Supply Company (CESCO) from September, 1999 to May, 2001, are Rs. 760 lakh and Rs. 436 lakh respectively.

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